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SWITCHED TELEPHONE NETWORK TO CONDUCT A  
TRANSACTION BETWEEN CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS**

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**SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW  
and  
RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 23, 2001**

***Interview Summary***

Li Wang, a patent attorney formerly with the firm of Kilpatrick Stockton LLP, held a telephone conference regarding this patent application with Patent Examiner Nguyen on November 20, 2001. The conference included a discussion of the differences between the claimed subject matter and the cited reference, *Nikander*, United States Patent No. 6,029,151. No specific agreement was reached during the conference. Examiner Nguyen is thanked for his time and consideration.

***Office Action of October 23, 2001***

Claims 1-7, and 10-37 are pending in this application. (Claims 8 and 9 have been cancelled). Claims 1-6, 10-13, and 15-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by *Nikander*. Claims 7 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over *Nikander*.

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